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State and Consumer Services Agency

DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES

Division of the State Architect

Certified Access Specialist Program

NOTICE OF OPEN PUBLIC MEETING

February 1, 2006
1:00 pm – 4:00 pm.

Marriott Irvine Hotel
18000 Von Karman Avenue
Irvine, CA 92612
949-553-0100

The meeting facility is fully accessible.
Requests for special accommodation (assisted listening device, sign language interpreter, etc.) should be sent to Elizabeth Randolph at (916) 324-5591 or by email: elizabeth.randolph@dgs.ca.gov no later than 5 working days before the meeting.

Background

Development of the California Certified Access Specialist (CASP) Program, by the Division of the State Architect (DSA), is nearly complete. Government Code Section 4459.5 authorizes "the State Architect to establish and publicize a program for voluntary certification of any person who meets specified criteria as a Certified Access Specialist."

Distinguished leaders of stakeholder organizations and subject matter experts across the state have collaborated with DSA throughout program development. Founding principles and initial certification criteria were fundamental accomplishments of the Implementation Advisory Committee, whose representatives were mandated by statute. Subject matter experts have been integral to the development of the program's certification examination, as directed by test development consultants. This panel of experts also developed a specification of the knowledge, skills and abilities expected of access specialists.

The Rulemaking Process

The purpose of California rulemaking law is to provide the public with a meaningful opportunity to participate in the adoption of regulations by California state agencies. As the implementing agency for the CASp Program, DSA is finalizing administrative regulations, and plans to initiate a formal rulemaking proceeding in early 2006.

By convening two regional workshops before rulemaking begins, DSA will be able to incorporate public comment to improve the quality of CASp program regulations. At these open public meetings, interested stakeholders and individuals who might be subject to program regulation may engage DSA staff in discussions of matters of concern.

Workshop Format

Both workshops will be hosted by an unbiased, professional facilitator. The prime objective of the facilitator is to ensure that every speaker has the same opportunity to participate. Focused segments of the meeting will begin with a brief introduction of the topic by DSA staff. These presentations will include various references to specific sections of proposed program regulations. For the benefit of attendees, printed copies of current draft regulations will be available at the beginning of the workshop, and will also be available for download in advance. Following each presentation, the facilitator will moderate the ensuing discussion in the time available. As the workshop concludes, attendees may optionally register with DSA to receive notices of subsequent public meetings regarding the CASp Program.

Workshop Agenda

The agenda to be followed at both workshops will be available for download from the DSA website after January 26, 2006. Please check the DSA News page for directions to the download location of the workshop agenda, as well as for the draft regulations.

Directions to Workshop

Area Airports

Orange County/John Wayne - SNA

- 1-949-252-5200
- Hotel Direction: .5 mi S
- Driving Directions: Take Michelson Dr. out of airport and proceed to Von Karman Avenue. Turn left on Von Karman Ave., right on Quartz, left into hotel.
- Shuttle Service from Airport
- Estimated taxi fare: 8 USD (one way)

Long Beach - LGB

- 1-562-570-2600
- Hotel Direction: 25 mi SW
- Driving Directions: Take 405 South, exit Jamboree & turn right. Turn right on Michelson, right on Von Karman, right on Quartz, turn left into hotel.
- Estimated taxi fare: 39 USD (one way)

Los Angeles - LAX

- 1-310-646-5252
- Hotel Direction: 45 mi S
- Driving Directions: Take 405 South, exit Jamboree and turn right. Turn right on Michelson, right on Von Karman, right on Quartz, Turn left into hotel.
- Estimated taxi fare: 69 USD (one way)

Map Link:

<http://www.mapquest.com>

For further information on this meeting please contact Mark Smith, Associate Architect, Division of the State Architect at (916) 445-1304 or by email at mark.smith@dgs.ca.gov.